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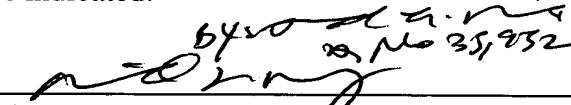
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						YES	NO
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

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	M. Bischoff et al., "Operation and Maintenance for an All-Optical Transport Network," IEEE Communications Magazine, vol. 34, no. 11, pages 136-142 (November 1996).*

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